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In re original application of:

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HANDLING, PROCESSING AND LINKING DEVICE  
INTEGRATED INTO AN OBJECT IDENTIFICATION AND  
ATTRIBUTE ACQUISITION SYSTEM  
Examiner : n/a  
Group Art Unit : 2876  
Attorney Docket No. : 108-151USAN80

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

**AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend **Page 93** by deleting the seventh paragraph which reads:

[Fig. IV5 is a schematic representation of a presentation-type bar code symbol reading system embodying the PLIIM-based subsystem of Fig. 1V1;].

**REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121**

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (and in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 29, 2002), a Substitute Specification is filed herewith, which includes the above Amendment.

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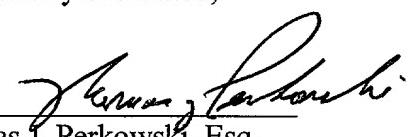
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REMARKS

Applicants submit the present Amendment in order to ensure correspondence with the Drawings. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 16-1340. A duplicate of this document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

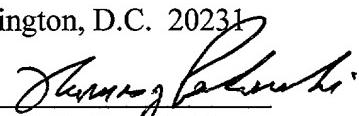
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